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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *(RCE)10/12/2006.*

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *16 and 18-21* is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *16 and 18-21* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

        1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

        2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

        3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application

6)☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1.   This **Non-Final** action is responsive to RCE filed October 12, 2006.

2.   Claims 1-15 and 17 are canceled. Claims 16 and 18-21 are pending. Claims 16, 20 and 21 are independent claims.

Withdrawn Rejections

3.   The 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections of claims 1,3, 5, 10-11, 15 and 17 with cited references of Ohta (U.S. 6,980,319) in

view of Lin (U.S. 6,757,070) has been withdrawn in light of the amendment.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4.   The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this

Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section
> 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the
> subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill
> in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the
> invention was made.

5.   Claims 16, 18-21 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ohta (U.S. 6, 980, 319, filed on

Mar 2, 2001) in view of Lin (U.S. 6,757,070 filed on Aug 21, 2001).

Regarding Independent claims 16, 20 and 21, Ohta discloses a communication apparatus, which has a printer driver

program and is capable of communicating with an information providing apparatus via a network, comprising: A

reception unit adapted to receive a recommended printing condition list from said information providing apparatus;

An acquisition unit adapted to acquire printing condition information from the printer driver program; A list extraction

unit adapted to extract a printing condition selection list from the recommended printing condition list received by said

reception unit; A condition selection unit adapted to select a printing condition from the printing condition selection list

extracted by said list extraction unit; A generation unit adapted to generate print data on the basis of the printing

condition selected by said condition selection unit by using the printer driver program (column 7, lines 25-40, wherein

the keyboard and mouse are used to select data for printing); Although Ohta describes a portable digital device

connecting to a network that includes accessing various print stations by letting the user select one of the stations,

which is part of the condition list he fails to explicitly teach all the features of a condition list associated with a printer

type (column 2, lines 17-67). Lin teaches a reception means for receiving a printing condition list from another apparatus connected through a network (fig 7 & column 2, lines 30-61). Lin teaches a universal print driver that includes receiving a condition list which includes the features of the printer. Instead of installing multiple drivers the universal driver allows a user to access all the properties of multiple printers located on a network, those properties are the condition list as shown in figure 7. Further fig 7 & column 2, lines 30-61 teaches wherein the browser allows the user to select a specific printer, therefore it includes a printer list and its printing properties such as paper size, paper source etc. .Ohta teaches a device connecting to a network to access a group of printers. Lin also teaches a device accessing a group of printers further allowing the device to have all the features of a particular printer by having a universal driver; these features make up the printing condition list. Both Lin and Ohta are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor of network printing. At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include a printing condition list prior to printing. The motivation for doing so would have been to allow the user to have access to all the features of a particular printer thereby improving the print quality of the information. Therefore it would have been obvious to combine the teachings of Lin and Ohta for improving the quality of printed documents by allowing the user to have full access to the printer features by implementing a universal driver.

Regarding Dependent claim 18, with dependency of claim 16, Although Ohta describes accessing multiple printers which inherently includes the name of the printer before the user selects the printer he fails to explicitly teach other print list conditions such as paper size...etc. (note: only one of the conditions below has to be met, although Ohta does teach one Lin better discloses many of the printer conditions). Lin discloses wherein the printing condition selection list includes at least one of information about a printer model, information about a paper size for printing, information about a paper type for printing, and information about a layout for printing (fig 7 & column 2, lines 30-61, wherein the condition selection list includes printer model, paper size, paper type etc..). Ohta teaches a device connecting to a network to access a group of printers. Lin also teaches a device accessing a group of printers further allowing the device to have all the features of a particular printer by having a universal driver; these features make up the printing condition list. Both Lin and Ohta are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor of network printing. At the time of the invention it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include a printing condition list prior to printing. The motivation for doing so would have been to allow the user to have access to all the features of a particular printer thereby improving the print quality of the information. Therefore it would have been obvious to combine the teachings of Lin and Ohta for improving the quality of printed documents by allowing the user

to have full access to the printer features by implementing a universal driver.

Regarding Dependent claim 19, Ohta discloses <u>a data selection unit adapted to select data to be printed, which is</u> <u>stored in said information providing apparatus</u> (column 2, lines 30-35, wherein the information to be printed is stored); A download unit adapted to download the data <u>selected by said data selection unit</u> from <u>said information providing</u> apparatus, <u>wherein said generation unit generates the print data from the data downloaded by said download unit</u> (column 5, lines 10-15, wherein the print job includes downloading the information on the data to be printed).

It is noted that any citation [[s]] to specific, pages, columns, lines, or figures in the prior art references and any interpretation of the references should not be considered to be limiting in any way. A reference is relevant for all it contains and may be relied upon for all that it would have reasonably suggested to one having ordinary skill in the art. [[See, MPEP 2123]]

Response to Arguments

6.   Applicant's arguments filed April 14, 2006 have been fully considered but are not persuasive.

Applicant argues: <u>However, nothing in Ohta's remote printing system and Lin's Universal Printing System is seen to</u> <u>provide a description or suggestion of the above-discussed combination of features.</u> (pg 7, paragraph 2).

However the examiner respectfully disagrees. Lin teaches a universal print driver that includes receiving a condition list that includes the features of the printer. Instead of installing multiple drivers the universal driver allows a user to access all the properties of multiple printers located on a network, those properties are the condition list as shown in figure 7. Further fig 7 & column 2, lines 30-61 teaches wherein the browser allows the user to select a specific printer, therefore it includes a printer list and its printing properties such as paper size, paper source etc. .Ohta teaches a device connecting to a network to access a group of printers. Lin also teaches a device accessing a group of printers further allowing the device to have all the features of a particular printer by having a universal driver; these features make up the printing condition list. Both Lin and Ohta are analogous art because they are from the same field of endeavor of network printing. The following references provide a reasonable suggestion and teaching for the claims.
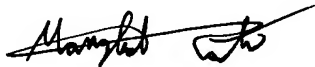
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to

Manglesh M. Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-5937. The examiner can normally be reached on M,F 8:30-6:00 T,TH

8:30-3:00 Wed 8:30-7:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen S. Hong can be

reached on (571)272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-

273-8300.

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